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Union Aide Renews Charge CIA Intervened In AFL-CIO

New York, Feb. 16 (AP)—The New York Post quoted today a United Auto Workers official, Victor Reuther, as saying that the Central Intelligence Agency's involvement with the AFL-CIO is "a lot bigger story" than the disclosure of CIA support of student groups.

Strained Relations

In a column written by James A. Wechsler, the Post's editorial page chief, Reuther is quoted as saying in a telephone interview:

"I did my best to try to lift the lid on it. And some day it will all come out."

Reuther, director of international relations for the United Auto Workers, is a brother of Walter Reuther, the auto workers president who recently resigned from the AFL-CIO's National Executive Council.

In Washington, Reuther's office said he "cannot be reached."

Lovestone, contacted in Miami, Fla., said, "It's all old stuff. I've read it all before."

We've made our categoric de-

negial," Lovestone added, referring to a statement by AFL-CIO president, George Meany last summer that Reuther's charge of CIA ties was "sland-erous."

Wechsler said an investigation would show that "various international and Latin American operations of the AFL-CIO have been heavily subsidized through CIA conduits."

Election Intervention

"It would also disclose," Wechsler wrote, "at least one sensational case of quiet CIA intervention in an election in an AFL-CIO union. When the 'CIA man' won, the union's staff and budget rose and its international activity suddenly increased in Latin America and the Middle East."

Wechsler said institutes conducted by Lovestone trained unionists from Brazil in this country to take part in the military coup which overthrew Brazil President Joao Goulart.

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